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## QUEBEC WOMEN ACCLAIM KING AT AUDITORIUM

Mass Meeting at Auditorium Yesterday to Hear Premier's Address. — Masterful Plea for Unity.—Mme. Taschereau Presided.

A loyal reception was given Prime Minister, the Rt. Hon. Wm. Lyon Mackenzie King, yesterday afternoon at the Auditorium Theatre when he arrived there with his Cabinet Ministers, and all the Federal members for the Quebec District, as well as numerous other government officials and prominent civilians, for the purpose of addressing a large gathering of women on "Canada and the British Empire." The affair was presided over by Mme. L. A. Taschereau, wife of the Premier of the province, and prior to addressing the Assembly Premier King and Mme Taschereau chatted for some minutes.

The Premier, in rising to commence his address, was accorded an ovation, and enthusiasm reigned supreme. He shortly afterwards began to speak, and at the outset he took occasion to extend his heartfelt thanks for such a warm reception as had been given him upon his arrival in the city. He remarked humourously that when he entered the Auditorium he had almost forgotten that the affair was to have a political flavour; he was almost inclined to think that it was more in the nature of a matrimonial reception.

Premier King here expressed his regret that he was unable to address the gathering in the French language, but assured his hearers that he had always held his French-Canadian neighbours in the highest esteem. He hoped, however, that he would be in a position to address them in French the next time.

"I am indeed glad," said the speaker, "to speak at such a meeting as this in the old city of Quebec which was represented for forty-three years by that distinguished statesman, the late Sir Wilfrid Laurier." He here paid the departed "grand old man of Canada" a glowing tribute, saying that he had been Canadian in spirit first, last and always, and that his one ambition had always been to develop the spirit of unity throughout the country.

Reference to  
Sir Wilfrid Laurier.

The speaker stated here that that same problem of unity was one of the greatest questions of the present day. On account of the immensity of the Dominion of Canada, from the Atlantic to the Pacific, with two peoples descended from two great races, the Anglo-Saxon and the French, there were many peculiarities to overcome, but he believed that in time all this would right itself, and that Canada would have a policy of unity that would be an example for the rest of the world.

Premier King recalled the time when the late Sir Wilfred Laurier took over the reins of power. At that time, he said, there were only seven provinces in Confederation. It was the aim of the chieftain to bring in the others, and in this respect he worked indefatigably, until at last his efforts were rewarded, and Ontario and the western provinces were a part of the great Dominion of Canada.

Turning to the development of the country during the past few years, Premier King stated that when his government took over power the question of uniting all the various government railroad lines received serious consideration. Many objected to such a procedure, but it was worth trying, and he was sure that in the end the government policy in this connection would bear fruit. Many would live to see that day.

In speaking of Liberalism the Hon. Mr. King remarked how the Province of Quebec had given 65 members to the government in the last general election, while the Maritime Provinces had also sent in a large quota. On the other hand the western provinces had voted strongly against the government, but to-day, he said, all the provinces of Canada had Liberal representation in his Cabinet. "Do you not think," remarked the speaker, "that the late Sir Wilfrid Laurier would wish for just such a programme?"

In concluding his able address, the Hon. Mr. King appealed for still a greater measure of unity, and asked the people to work together for the common good of the country at large. He was given an ovation from the large crowd that lasted for a considerable length of time.

Madame Taschereau made a brief but very interesting address in which she paid a delicate tribute to Prime Minister, and referred to the work that the women were doing at the present time for the good of the country, and also spoke of the recent Federal Law which had granted the voting right to Canadian women.

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